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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

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Germany/Munich

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REMARKS

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1. On 24 February and 4 March 1954, source entered the Goerden Landesanstalt (mental hospital) near Brandenburg and made a sketch of the installation. Inside the barracks area, air force sentries were posted at three sites and radio trucks as well as a radio mast, about 20 meters high, were observed. The radio mast was no longer observed there on 4 March. [REDACTED]

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About noon on 4 March, 8 ground attack aircraft crossed over the Landesanstalt and subsequently approached Briest airfield. [REDACTED]

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2. The following observations were made at Brandenburg-Briest airfield between 9 and 31 March:

9 March. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was air activity by Il-10s which flew individually and in formations of up to 9 aircraft. There was fair weather.

25 March. At 11:30 a.m., individual flights were made. There was overcast and windy weather. After 1 p.m., formations of 3 or 4 Il-10s, sometimes of 12 Il-10s, were observed aloft heading toward the north. The aircraft returned to the field and landed after 10 to 20 minutes. Additional formations continuously took off throughout the day.

27 March. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., ground attack aircraft practiced flying in formations of four. The weather was overcast and rainy.

31 March. At 3:20 p.m., [REDACTED] an officer and an air force soldier as driver, approached from the direction of the Landesanstalt, proceeded toward the east, and moved on the road toward Pionier Kaserne. After about 20 minutes, the vehicle/carrying 3 officers.

1 April. Around 10 a.m., three formations, totaling 34 Il-10s took off from the field heading toward the southeast. After about 10 minutes, another

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formation of 10 Il-10s took off heading north. The formations returned after about 40 minutes. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., ground attack aircraft continuously practiced flying in formations of fours which headed toward the southeast.

3. At 7:50 a.m. on 23 March, 10 Il-10s took off, assembled in formation and headed north. At 8:40 a.m., 10 aircraft returned from the north and landed at Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield. At 8 a.m. on 24 March, take-offs were made by 12 ground attack aircraft which assembled in formation and disappeared into the east. Between 9 a.m. and noon, individual flights were made by Il-10s. Up to 4 aircraft were simultaneously aloft.²

1. Comment. For layout sketch of Goerden Landesanstalt, near Brandenburg, see annex.

2. Comment. The ground attack regiment at Brandenburg-Briest airfield, together with the ground attack regiments from Brandenburg-Industriehafen and Stendal, participated in exercises of the 10th Gds Tank Div in the Haruth-Justerbog area, of the 6th Gds Mech Div in the Neuruppin-Mirow area, and of the 18th Mech Div in the Mirow-Fuerstenberg-Kyritz-Wittstock area.

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Legend to Layout Sketch of Goerden Landegenstalt

1. Air force sentry armed with carbine
2. Three-story brick building, about 20 meters long, occupied by air force personnel
3. Three-story brick quartering building for air force personnel, about 30 meters long
4. Three-story brick building for air force personnel, about 10 meters long
5. Motor vehicle parking lot with 3 radio trucks and 1 truck being parked there.
6. Barrier with small wooden hut, occupied by civilians; entrance to hospital and air force quarters
7. Three-story brick building, occupied by air force personnel
8. Three-story brick building, about 40 meters long, with 1 brick tower with red flag in the middle of the building
9. Three-story brick building, about 10 meters long
10. Radio truck with four-wheel trailer; on top of trailer, radio mast, about 20 meters high, with several guy wires
11. Three-story brick buildings of civilian hospital
12. Three-story brick building with porch housing administrative offices and air force kitchen; ration supply trucks parked in front of the building
13. Four-story brick quartering buildings, about 50 meters long, occupied by air force personnel
14. Air force motor vehicle parking lot with 8 to 10 trucks
15. Three-story brick building, occupied by civilians
16. Brandenburg prison
17. Railroad siding, is being used
18. Foot path
19. Telephone line of 6 to 8 wires leading toward airfield
20. Streetcar stop
21. and 22. Air force sentry armed with carbine
23. Board fence, about 2 meters high
24. Mesh wire fence, about 2 meters high

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